function as a unit under the overall charge of a designated officer. The steps taken by the State Governments will be reviewed in the Conference of Relief Commissioners of the State Governments in March, 2003.

Children staying in jails with their mothers

813. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how children staying in jail with their mothers, are looked after by the jail authorities;

(b) whether adequate nutritional and educational arrangements are being made for these children;

(c) whether the Supreme Court had issued notice to the Ministry of Home Affairs on women and children to improve the conditions of children in the jail; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has taken notice of Supreme Court's anxiety and has it improved the situation in the jails.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Food, clothes, education, creche and other facilities to children staying in jails with their prisoner mothers are provided according to the provisions of the respective jail Manuals of the States/UTs.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Home Affairs is alive to the condition of women in jail and children staying in jails with their prisoner mothers, and share the concern of the Supreme Court in the matter. Besides providing financial support, it has also been advising the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations from time to time to take special measures to improve the condition of women in jails and the children living with them.

Reasons for floods in H.P.

†814. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain basic reasons of severe flood three years back in Kinnaur, the border district of Himachal Pradesh which caused great loss to life and property;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.